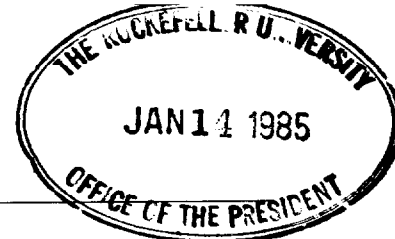


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## Occidental Chemical Corporation

Love Canal  
(re Love Canal)

January 10, 1985

Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
President  
Rockefeller University  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In response to your note and our phone conversation, I am enclosing the identification of water (wet) and no-water (dry) houses as defined by the State of New York Department of Health in 1979. We have no way of checking whether this is the identification used by Vianna and Polan but since Dr. Kim apparently had responsibility in this area at the time, it is unlikely that any significant differences exist between this information and the data used by Vianna and Polan. This is all the data we have related to the Vianna and Polan article. For information on number of births per year or other pertinent data we refer you to the authors.

In addition, we have identified the year the houses were first known to exist and tabulated the number of houses in "water" and "no water" areas by years.

Because of the particular importance of the period around the early 50's we have also tabulated the "water" and "no water" houses present in each year by street. A map is included to provide some identification of location with respect to the disposal area. It is worth mentioning that on the basis of hydrogeology and chemical analytical data the "swale" theory has been refuted by EPA in their 1980 report and by N.Y. State agencies on several occasions.

The bulk of the information refers to areas east and north of the canal area. The area west of the canal was not considered as great a problem with respect to poor drainage or wet areas.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate calling on me.



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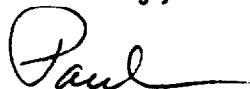
Dr. Joshua Lederberg

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January 10, 1984

Regarding my reason for calling (a keynote speaker for Conference '85), I spoke to Bill Lowrance and he was interested and did not have direct conflicts at this time but was concerned about the requirement for his time during the next six months. Although he declined the invitation I feel very strongly that we cannot find anyone else that could give a presentation that would approach Bill's for interest, content and clarity. I, therefore, request your help in persuading Bill to reconsider, if you consider it at all appropriate to intercede on our behalf.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul O. Nees  
Toxicology Director

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Attachments